



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster County Attorney's Office, and the Nebraska State Patrol announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: On November 19, 2009, Tami M. Rieck was sentenced to five years and ten months (70 months) in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine over approximately a two-year period. Information provided to law enforcement indicated that Rieck was responsible for the distribution of between approximately 18 ounces and three pounds of methamphetamine. Rieck originally faced a sentence of at least 10 years but received a lesser sentence due to her lack of a significant prior criminal record and her willingness to provide information about her involvement in the case to law enforcement.

Name of Defendant: Tami M. Rieck

AKA Tami Fuller

Age: 28

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. The possible penalty is not less than 10 years nor more than life imprisonment and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. Following any term of imprisonment, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than five years. There is also a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln

Location of Arrest: Wahoo, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Rieck was held responsible for at least 500 grams (approximately 18 ounces) but less than 1.5 kilograms (approximately 3 pounds) of methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Rieck's husband, John Rieck also pled guilty to a conspiracy charge and is scheduled for sentencing on December 18, 2009.

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Between on or about January 1, 2007, and on or about January 31, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: April 28, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: April 22, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: April 30, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled guilty on August 27, 2009

Sentencing Date: November 19, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: none

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: held without bond

In Continuous Custody Since: April 28, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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